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## MINUTES

### CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**December 2-3, 1998  
Nevada City, California**

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The meeting of the California Transportation Commission was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on December 2, 1998 at the Nevada County Board of Supervisors Chambers, Eric Rood Administration Building, 950 Maidu Avenue, Nevada City , California.

The Commissioners' attendance was as follows:

Members Present:     Robert Wolf, Chairman  
                             Edward Sylvester, Vice Chairman  
                             Mary Berglund  
                             Gary Burke  
                             Octavia Diener  
                             David Fleming  
                             Roger Kozberg  
                             Dana Reed

The meeting recessed at 4:45 p.m. and reconvened on December 3, 1998 at 8:35 a.m. the Commissioners' attendance was as follows:

Members Present:     Robert Wolf, Chairman  
                             Edward Sylvester, Vice Chairman  
                             Mary Berglund  
                             Gary Burke  
                             Octavia Diener  
                             David Fleming  
                             Roger Kozberg  
                             Dana Reed

#### **1. GENERAL MATTERS**

##### **1.(1)     Approval of Minutes for October 27-28, 1998 Meeting**

Chairman Wolf presented the minutes. Commissioner Reed moved to approve the minutes. Vice Chairman Sylvester seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

##### **1.(2)     Commissioners' Meetings for Compensation**

Chairman Wolf presented the List of Commissioners' Meetings for Compensation. Commissioner Reed moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Kozberg seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

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**1.(3) Consent Calendar**

Deputy Director Robert Chung reviewed the changes to the Consent Calendar which were as follows:

- Item 2.2c Adoption of Findings on Final EIR for New Public Road Connection for Route 805 in San Diego County Book Item has been revised to change Commission designation to "a responsible" agency rather than the "lead" agency and Resolution E-99-8 has been changed to indicate the City of San Diego certified the EIR rather than Caltrans.
- Item 2.4b Resolutions of Necessity C-17578, C-17596, C-17610, and C-17611 were withdrawn by the Department.
- Item 2.5a Minor Projects #1, 3, 17, 18, and 21 were withdrawn by the Department.
- Item 2.5b(1) Project description on Agenda vote List for Project #1 was corrected to clarify it was for the Blue Line and Union Pacific.
- Item 2.6c(1) Project #6 Agenda vote List was revised to reflect \$100,000 programmed under PS&E and Project #7 Allocation amount reduced to \$17,812,000, pending outstanding right of way valuation issues.

Chairman Wolf requested that Item 2.4b be taken off the Consent Calendar and voted separately.

Commissioner Reed reported that the Public Transit Committee had reviewed Items 2.1a(3), 2.1e, and 2.6d and recommended that the Items be put on the Consent Calendar. It was the consensus of the Commission to add the Items to the Consent Calendar as recommended.

Stephen Maller, Caltrans, reviewed Items 2.5b(3) and 2.5h and recommended that they be added to the Consent Calendar. It was the consensus of the Commission to add the Items to the Consent Calendar.

Commissioner Berglund moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Fleming seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

**1.(4) Commission Reports**

- Election of 1999 Officers

Chairman Wolf asked for nominations for the 1999 Officers.

Commissioner Diener nominated Vice Chairman Sylvester as Chairman. Commissioner Berglund seconded the nomination. The motion carried 8-0.

Commissioner Reed moved to nominate Commissioner Fleming as Vice Chairman. Commissioner Kozberg seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

Executive Director Remen presented a request to change the location of the March 1999 Commission Meeting from Sonoma County to Sacramento. Commissioner Fleming moved to approve the schedule change. Commissioner Berglund seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

**1.(5) Business, Transportation and Housing Agency Report**

Ken Bosanko, BT&H, reported on the FRA closing of NCRA due to safety problems; he also reported on the need for a rail to rail grade separation for the Colton crossing.

**1.(6) Caltrans Report**

Caltrans Director James van Loben Sels discussed the impact of the court ruling which determined that contracting out for Seismic retrofit was unconstitutional and the actions Caltrans was taking to fill positions to continue the work. He also reported on the annual AASHTO meeting in Boston. He noted that this might be his last meeting and reviewed Caltrans' accomplishments during the past eight years and expressed his appreciation for working with the Commission.

**1.(7) Regional Agencies Report**

Regional Agencies Moderator Therese McMillan discussed progress on project delivery, a task force review of PSR requirements, and processing STIP amendments.

**1.(8) Presentation by Nevada County Transportation Commission Regarding Local Transportation Programs**

The following individuals discussed transportation issues in Nevada County:

- Rene Antonson, Nevada County Board of Supervisors
- Dan Landon, Nevada County Transportation Commission
- Ann Guerra, Nevada County Transportation Commission
- Linda Stevens, City of Grass Valley
- Bob Drake, Mayor of Truckee
- Mark Johnson, Mayor of Nevada City
- Gerard Tessons, City of Grass Valley

**2. PROJECT BUSINESS MATTERS****2.1 Program Amendments/Project Approvals****2.1a. STIP Amendment for Action**

- 2.1a.(1)** STIP Amendment 98S-10 - Action  
Reprograms a total of \$824,000 from San Diego's 1998 STIP Short Term Reserve for a new Encinitas Parking Lot Expansion project for design and construction in FY 1998-99. The North San Diego County Transit Development Board (NSDCTDB) is requesting this amendment.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.1a.(2)** STIP Amendment 98S-11 - Action  
Reduces the project scope and programmed amount from \$578,000 to \$232,000 for an Alameda County I-880 HOV Corridor replacement planting project programmed in the 1998 STIP and transfers these funds to three other required mitigation replacement planting projects on the Alameda County I-880 HOV Corridor. The Department is requesting this amendment.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.1a.(3)** STIP Amendment 98S-12 - Action  
Advances \$12,300,000 from the Interregional Improvement Program to an intercity track and signal improvement project between Sacramento and Stockton. The Department is requesting this amendment.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.1a.(4)** STIP Amendment 98S-14 - Action  
Reprograms a total of \$1,851,000 from Butte County's 2000 STIP Reserve to: provide the local match for two Federal Highway Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement funded projects, River Road at Big Chico Creek in Chico (\$229,000) and Centerville Road at Butte Creek in Chico (\$224,000); and provide full funding for two new road reconstruction projects, the Midway in Chico (\$516,000) and Neal Road in Chico (\$882,000). Requested by Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG).

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**2.1b.** STIP Amendments for Notice

- 2.1b.(1)** STIP Amendment 98S-15 - Notice  
Reprograms \$2,500,000 from San Diego's Short Term Reserve - Project Reports and Environmental in Fiscal Year 1998-99 to a new project to study the impacts of Managed/HOV lanes along the Interstate Route 15 Corridor between "H" Avenue and Route 78 in the cities of San Diego and Escondido. The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) is requesting this amendment.

Stephen Maller, Caltrans, reviewed the proposed STIP Amendment and noted that it would be presented at the next Commission meeting for approval.

- 2.1b.(2)** STIP Amendment 98S-16 - Notice  
Advances \$60,000 in Planning, Programming and Monitoring funds currently programmed in FY 2000-01 to FY 1998-99. The El Dorado County Transportation Commission is requesting this amendment.

Dina Oppenheimer, Caltrans, reviewed the proposed STIP amendment and noted that it would be presented at the next Commission meeting for approval.

- 2.1b.(3)** STIP Amendment 98S-17 - Notice  
Advances \$82,000 in Planning, Programming and Monitoring funds programmed in FY 1999-00 to FY 1998-99 and combines it with \$83,000 already programmed in the FY1998-99, for a total of \$165,000. The Tahoe Area Regional Planning Agency is requesting this amendment.

Debra Pritchard, Caltrans, reviewed the STIP amendment and noted that it would be presented at the next Commission meeting for approval.

- 2.1b.(4)** STIP Amendment 98S-18 - Notice  
STIP Amendment as proposed by Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) pursuant to implementation of the CTC/LACMTA Memorandum of Understanding. This amendment is requested by LACMTA. (See related Items 2.6c.(3) and 3.6.)

Refer to Item 3.6 for proceedings related to this item.

**2.1c.** TCI Amendments for Action

- TCI Amendment 98S-13 - Action  
Deletes a \$1,834,000 City of Commerce Metrolink Station Platform Construction project programmed in the FY 1996-97 Transit Capital Improvement (TCI) Program, and reprograms the \$1,834,000 FY 1996-97 TCI funds to a new Telegraph Road Track Capacity Enhancement project. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) are requesting this amendment.

This item was removed from the agenda at the request of the agency.

**2.1d.** Proposition 116 - Non Urban County Project Approvals/Amendments

No items This Month

**2.1e.** Proposition 116 - Rail Project Approvals/Amendments

- Project Approval for \$26,653,110 to Department of Transportation for the Sacramento-Stockton Track and Signal Improvement Project. (See Item 2.6d.)  
Resolution PA-98-\_\_\_\_

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**2.2** Environmental Matters**2.2a.** Comments on Document in Circulation

No Items This Month

**2.2b.** Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding

- 2.2b.(1)** Route 395 in Inyo County - Convert the existing two-lane highway to a four-lane expressway near the Town of Big Pine.  
(Related Item 2.3a.)  
Resolution E-99-7

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.2b.(2)** TMC in Los Angeles County - Construct a Transportation Management Center in the Cities of Los Angeles and Glendale.  
Resolution E-99-9

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**2.2c.** Adoption of Findings on Final EIR for New Public Road Connection

- Route 805 in San Diego County - Construct a new interchange at Nobel Drive in the City of San Diego.  
(Related Item 2.3b.)  
Resolution E-99-8

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**2.3** Highway Route Matters**2.3a.** Route Adoptions

- Adoption of a controlled access highway location for Route 395 in the County of Inyo from Kilometer Post 153.8 at North Fish Springs Road to Kilometer Post 159.6 at 0.8 km north of Steward Lane.  
(Related Item 2.2b.)  
Resolution HRA 99-3

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**2.3b.** New Public Road Connections

- Approval of a New Public Road Connection to Route 805 at Nobel Drive, in the City of San Diego, in the County of San Diego, at Kilometer Post 41.0 (Post Mile 25.5).  
(Related Item 2.2c.)  
Resolution S-701

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**2.3c.** Three Relinquishment Resolutions

- 02-Sis-139-0.0 Route 139 in the County of Siskiyou.  
Relinquishment to Modoc County  
Resolution R-3383
- 06-Fre-41-R5.5/R12.2 Route 41 in the County of Fresno.  
Resolution R-3384
- 07-LA-105-1.1 Route 105 in the City of El Segundo.  
Resolution R-3385

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**2.3d.** Vacation Resolutions

No Items This Month

**2.4** Highway Right of Way Matters**2.4a.** Resolutions of Necessity - Appearances

No Items This Month

- 2.4b.** 33 Resolutions of Necessity  
C-17577, C-17579 through C-17595  
C-17597 through C-17609  
C-17612 through C-17613

This item was withdrawn from the Consent Calendar for a separate vote.

Commissioner Reed moved to approve the Resolutions of Necessity. Commissioner Kozberg seconded the motion which carried 7-0-1 (Vice Chairman Sylvester abstained from voting).

- 2.4c.** Airspace Lease Direct Negotiation (Sole Source Lease)  
04-SF-80-14  
Silicon Valley Bank

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.4d.** Director's Deeds  
  
Items #1 Through #11  
Excess Lands - Return to State: \$6,896,426  
Return to Others: \$42,785

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.4e.** Rescinding Resolution of Necessity
- Mary Elizabeth Hunter, Trustee  
11-SD-125-14.1  
CR-120

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**2.5** Highway Financial Matters

- 2.5a.** Financial Vote for Minor Projects. Sixteen Minor projects totaling \$5,164,000 plus \$346,000 from other sources.  
Resolution FP-98-33

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5b.** Financial Vote for STIP/SHOPP Projects on the State Highway System.

- 2.5b.(1)** Four STIP projects totaling \$51,869,000 plus \$13,110,000 from other sources.  
Resolution FP-98-34

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.



- 2.5b.(2)** Fifteen SHOPP projects totaling \$47,521,000 plus \$18,899,000 from other sources.  
Resolution FP-98-35

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5b.(3)** One SHOPP Project Amended into the SHOPP by Department Action totaling \$2,595,000.  
Resolution FP-98-36

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**2.5c.** Financial Vote for STIP/TEA/EEM Projects off the State Highway System

- 2.5c.(1)** One Local Assistance STIP project for \$16,000.  
Resolution FP-98-37

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5c.(2)** Two Local Assistance TEA projects for \$442,000 plus \$60,000 from other sources.  
Resolution FP-98-38

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5c.(3)** Eight Local Assistance EEM projects for \$1,415,090 plus \$4,209,570 from other sources.  
Resolution FP-98-39

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5c.(4)** Two Local Assistance EEM Projects for \$383,890 plus \$1,316,110 from other sources.  
Resolution FP-98-40

EEM Program Manager Rick Gumz summarized the proposed allocation for two EEM projects.

Karyn Gear, State Coastal Conservancy, spoke in support of an allocation of \$250,000 instead of the \$205,320 being proposed by Caltrans and Commission staff for the Conservancy's Moro Lojo Slough Acquisition project. The Commission discussed the project scope, downsizing and funding.

Commissioner Fleming moved to approve the Resolution as presented and recommended by staff. Commissioner Diener seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

**2.5d.** Financial Vote for Projects with Cost Increases Greater than 120 Percent of Program Amount

No Items This Month

**2.5e.** Financial Vote for Supplemental Funds for Previously Voted Projects  
Three Projects totaling \$3,341,000.  
Resolution FA-98-04

- 07-LA-22 - SHOPP Project in Los Angeles County on Route 22. Original vote \$3,562,000. This request of \$735,000 to allow re-advertising, for a grand total of \$4,297,000. 21 Percent increase over vote
- 07-Ven-33 - SHOPP Project in Ventura County on Route 33. Original vote \$1,880,000. This request of \$1,356,000 to allow award, for a grand total of \$3,236,000. 72 Percent increase over vote
- 04-SM-92 – STIP Project in San Mateo County on Route 92. Original vote \$7,139,000, supplemental to award \$2,302,000. This request of \$1,250,000 to allow construction to continue, for a grand total of \$10,691,000. 50 Percent increase over vote. Local measure contribution \$5,609,000, for a project total of \$16,300,000.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, reviewed the projects and explained why supplemental funds were needed.

Commissioner Burke moved to approve the supplemental funds. Commissioner Fleming seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

**2.5f.** Emergency Allocations

**2.5f.(1)** Informational Report - Emergency G-11 Allocations  
Ten Projects totaling \$6,253,600  
Plus Ten Additional Emergency Projects  
Totaling \$7,590,000 Approved by the Department  
After Preparation of the December 1998 Meeting Material  
For a Total of Twenty Emergency Projects Totaling \$13,843,600.

**2.5f.(2)** Informational Report - Phase II Seismic Retrofit G-11 Allocations  
Three Projects totaling \$88,747,000

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, reviewed the emergency allocations.

**2.5g.** Extension of One-Year Allocation Time Limit for Three Projects on the State Highway System.  
Resolution FX-98-04

- 04-CC,Mrn-580 - In Contra Costa and Marin Counties on Route 580. Toll and Toll Seismic projects. Original vote date January 15 and February 18, 1998, proposed award extension date September 1999.
- 07-LA,Ker-5 - In Los Angeles and Kern Counties on Route 5. Long-life pavement rehabilitation project. Original vote date December 10, 1997, proposed award extension date April 1999.
- 08-Riv-86 - In Riverside County on Route 86. Expressway project. Original vote date July 9, 1997 received a six-month extension to

2.5g. (cont.) January 9, 1999, proposed an additional award extension date June 1999.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, reviewed the extension requests and recommended approval.

Commissioner Reed moved to approve the extensions. Commissioner Berglund seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

- 2.5h.** Financial Transfer of \$96,850,000 in State and federal funds authorized in the Budget Act of 1998 from the Capital Outlay Appropriation to the Local Assistance Appropriation.  
Resolution FM-99-03

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**2.6** Mass Transportation Financial Matters

- 2.6a.** Financial Vote for One TCI Program Project for \$8,319,000.  
Resolution MFP-98-12

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**2.6b.** Financial Vote for Proposition 116 Projects

**2.6b.(1)** Local Proposition 116 Rail Program Projects

No Items This Month

**2.6b.(2)** State Proposition 116 Rail Projects

No Items This Month

**2.6b.(3)** Two Local Proposition 116 Non-Urban County Projects for \$389,992  
Resolution BFP-98-17

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**2.6c.** Financial Vote for STIP Rail/Transit Projects

**2.6c.(1)** Seven Local STIP Rail/Transit Projects totaling \$32,981,000  
Resolution MFP-98-13

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.6c.(2)** One State STIP Rail/Transit Project totaling \$2,000,000  
Resolution MFP-98-14

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.6c.(3)** One Local STIP Rail/Transit Project totaling \$134,000,000  
Resolution MFP-98-15

Refer to Item 3.6 for proceedings related to this item.

- 2.6d.** Financial Vote for one State Multiple Program Funded Project including \$26,653,110 in Proposition 116 Rail Bond Funds and \$12,300,000 in STIP Funds, for a total allocation of \$38,953,110. (See Item 2.1e.)  
Resolution MBFP-98-01

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.6e.** Allocation Amendment for Proposition 116 Projects

No Items This Month

**2.7** Aeronautics Financial Matters

- Allocation of \$98,000 for FY 1998-99 California Aid to Airports Program (CAAP) funds for one project from the 1998 Aeronautics Program.  
Resolution FDOA-98-10
- City of Mendota - Mendota Municipal Airport in Fresno County -  
\$98,000 - Overlay Runway

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**2.8** Waiver of Commission Policy

- 2.8(1)** Request for Waiver of Financial Guidelines for Local Agency Reimbursement from the County of Trinity to extend the period of project reimbursement for the Morgan Hill Road Bike Lane project from June 30, 1999 to June 30, 2000. The Commission allocated \$256,903 of Proposition 116 Non-Urban Program funds under BFP-94-59 on February 23, 1995, and an additional \$142,000 of Proposition 116 Non-Urban Program funds under BFA-96-18 on March 5, 1997. As of October 7, 1998, the Department has reimbursed \$179,271, leaving a balance of \$219,632.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, reviewed the waiver request and the reason for the delay. Commissioner Reed moved to approve the waiver. Commissioner Diener seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

- 2.8(2)** Request to extend the Commission's deadline for allocation of Proposition 116 Competitive Bicycle Program funds from January 1, 1999 to March 1, 1999 for the County of Monterey's Pine Canyon - King City Bike Path and Bridge project in Monterey County and from January 1, 1999 to December 1, 1999 for the City of Santa Cruz's Broadway - Brommer Street Bicycle/Pedestrian Path Connection Project.  
(Related Item 3.5.)

Deputy Director Robert Chung presented the extension request and noted that Caltrans recommended approve the Monterey extension and Commission staff recommended denying the extension of Santa Cruz.

Chairman Wolf discussed support for the Monterey extension and cancellation of the Santa Cruz extension. Commissioner Reed moved to approve the item as discussed by Chairman Wolf and direct staff to present and discuss at the January Commission meeting the reassignment of \$765,000 in Proposition 116 Competitive Bicycle Program funds to eligible TEA bicycle projects. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

**ACTION: P. Hathaway/R. Chung/M. Mason**

- 2.8(3)** Request for Waiver of Financial Guidelines for Local Agency Reimbursement to extend the period of project award from December 31, 1998 to December 31, 1999 for nine Traffic System Management (TSM) Program projects.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, reviewed the waiver request and recommended approval. Commissioner Reed moved to approve the waiver. Commissioner Fleming seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

**2.9** Technical Changes to Previously Approved Resolutions

- Technical correction to Resolution FP-98-30, originally approved October 27, 1998. Correct recipient for funds allocated for the pedestrian plaza element of the Fruitvale Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) project.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

### **3. PROGRAM STATUS**

**3.1** Caltrans Monthly FY 1998-99 Finance Report

Norma Ortega, Caltrans, reviewed the monthly Finance Report and noted that the State Highway Account cash balance had dropped to \$1.5 billion which was down from a high of \$1.8 billion in June.

**3.2** Monthly Report on Status of Projects Previously Voted but not Awarded

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, reviewed the status of projects previously voted but not awarded.

**3.3 Caltrans Quarterly Report**

Jack Boda, Caltrans, reviewed the STIP, SHOPP, and other delivery statistics. He also reviewed the stats for the Seismic Safety Retrofit Program, Construction Contract administration, cost of materials over the years, and the history of construction costs. He observed that Caltrans' expenditures for capital support seemed low due to accounting lag, but should pick up next quarter. Executive Director Remen observed that delivery due for the next three quarters was already stacking up.

Warren Weber, Caltrans, reviewed Intercity Rail ridership. He noted that revenue was down in all corridors due to the Kids Ride Free program and El Nino problems, but that ridership on the San Diegan corridor was actually up about 6%.

Norma Ortega, Caltrans, reviewed the FY 98/99 Budget Authority and Allocations. She said Caltrans had underestimated local assistance expenditures for various reasons, and noted that it would seek to transfer additional funds into that part of the budget early in 1999.

Craig House, Caltrans, discussed Caltrans' Finance Letter for adjustments in local programs and the Commission encouraged him to pursue the Finance Letter to increase local assistance support in rural areas.

**ACTION: C. House****3.4 Status Report on Proposition 116 Bond Programs**

Deputy Director Robert Chung reviewed the status of the Proposition 116 Programs in terms of the overall program. He also discussed the balance of funds not applied for in the Rail Program, the Non-Urban Program, the Competitive Ferry Program, the Vallejo Ferry Program, and the Bicycle Program.

**3.5 Proposition 116 FY 1992-93 Competitive Bicycle Program Project Delivery Deadline Extension.  
(Related Item 2.8.)**

Deputy Director Robert Chung summarized the status of allocation approvals for 4 outstanding projects and discussed the staff recommendations for each outstanding project.

Vice Chairman Sylvester moved to approve the staff recommendations which included rescinding the \$700,000 Huntington Beach programming commitment, approval of the Monterey waiver request for a 60-day extension[Item 2.8(2)], and rescinding the programming commitment for \$150,000 for the Santa Cruz project. Commissioner Berglund seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

**3.6 Actions Related to Commission/LACMTA Memorandum of Understanding  
(See Related Items 2.1b.(4) and 2.6c.(3).)**

Commissioner Fleming presented the recommendations of the Public Transit Committee for actions related to the Commission/LACMTA MOU. The recommendations were as follows:

1. Proceed with allocating \$135 million to North Hollywood. [Item 2.6c.(3)]
2. Redirect \$90 million from Mid City and Eastside and \$60 from Transit Reserve to bus procurement.

3. In keeping with Schiff legislation, redesignate new JPB as recipient of funds programmed to Pasadena and continue to keep these funds in suspense until the JPB and MTA can report back with demonstration of full capital and operating fundability of Blue Line.
4. Determine if, in extending the MOU, it should be amended or replaced with a new document and whether it should be converted into a three-way agreement with CTC, MTA, and the new JPA.
5. Require MTA to respond back by either January or February regarding accusations by NAACP and Bus Riders Union, as well as any subsequent decisions by the Special Master or Court relative to the Consent Decree and what such a decision might mean for MTA's financial plan.
6. Have Commission determine whether MTA has shown sufficiently what alternate transit service will be provided in the Mid City and Eastside Corridors given delay (if not demise) of "major transit systems" in those corridors.

Commissioner Fleming moved to allocate under Item 2.6c.(3) \$135 million to the North Hollywood extension. Commissioner Kozberg seconded the motion which carried 7-0-1 (Commissioner Reed abstained from voting).

Commissioner Fleming moved to direct staff to notice the STIP amendment to redirect \$151.1 million from Mid City, Eastside, and LACMTA's reserve to procure buses and to notice the change in applicant status of the Pasadena Blue Line Project from LACMTA to the Pasadena Blue Line Construction Authority. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

Commissioner Fleming moved to have the existing MOU between LACMTA and CTC modified to include the Pasadena Blue Line Construction Authority in a three way MOU. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

The following individuals provided testimony during the discussion of actions related to the Commission/LACMTA MOU:

Nellie McGarry, City of Merced City Council  
Mary Torres, City of Livingston  
Kenneth Gosting, Yosemite Mobilization Comm.  
Martin Hernandez, Labor/Community Strategy  
Eric Mann, Labor/Community Strategy

### **3.7 Status and Outlook of Caltrans' Original Operational Improvements Identified for Route 1 Corridor Near Carmel**

Jay Walter, Caltrans, reviewed the history and status of operational improvement projects for Route 1 near Carmel. He summarized twelve projects and recommended eliminating state only funding for 3 or 4 because of possibly jeopardizing federal funding for Hatton Canyon Parkway. He also reviewed two projects still under consideration for construction.

During the discussion, the Commission asked Caltrans to prepare a draft letter, for review by Chairman Wolf, to FHWA to determine why state funding for projects #4, 11, 12, and possibly 5, might compromise federal participation in the Hatton Canyon Project and to send copies of the final letter to Senators Boxer and Feinstein.

**ACTION: J. Walter**

#### **4. POLICY MATTERS**

##### **4.1 State Legislative Matters**

Deputy Director Chuck Oldham presented a report on the results of transportation related matters from the November 3, 1998 election. He also reported on the new members in the Senate and Assembly and noted that the Legislature will reconvene on December 7, 1998.

##### **4.2 Adoption of 1998 STIP Fund Estimate Amendment and County Shares Resolution G-98-\_\_\_\_**

Norma Ortega, Caltrans, reviewed the Public Transportation Account and key assumptions for the Fund Estimate. She also reviewed Options A, B, and C for the Fund Estimate Amendment.

Therese McMillan, Regional Agencies Moderator, spoke in support of Option A.

Chairman Wolf noted that it was the consensus of the Commission to accept Option A.

Norma Ortega, Caltrans, reviewed the State Highway Account and the changes from the adopted 1998 Fund Estimate. She also reviewed the key assumptions, amount available for programming, the cash balance, exceptions to project funding policy, first priority for "state only" inventory, and "state only" funding capacity.

The Commission discussed various funding needs and scenarios. The following individuals participated in the discussion: Jim Beall, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors; Fran Gratton, Nevada County Board of Supervisors; Linda Davis, Transportation Agency for Monterey County; Therese McMillan, Regional Agencies Moderator; Scott White, Trinity County Transportation Commission; Rene Antonson, Nevada County Board of Supervisors; and Rusty Selix, Calcog.

After the discussion, the Commission asked staff to schedule a workshop to examine the possible common solution to funding local system rehabilitation and storm damage repair projects.

##### **ACTION: R. Remen/T. McMillan/D. Baker/R.Selix**

Chairman Wolf then referenced a letter from Senate Transportation Committee Chair Betty Karnette who asked that the Commission defer action on both the Fund Estimate (Item 4.2) and the STIP Guideline Amendments (Item 4.5). In response to her request, Chairman Wolf directed staff to schedule both items for action at the January 14-15 Commission meeting thereby canceling the action agenda for the December meeting.

##### **4.3 State Highway Account Cash Transfer to the Public Transportation Account to Fund Unallocated Article XIX-Eligible Transit Capital Improvement Program Projects Resolution G-98-26**

Commissioner Reed moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Diener seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

##### **4.4 Policy to Limit Use of Public Transportation Account Funding to Non-Article XIX Eligible Projects and Costs Resolution G-98-27**

Commissioner Reed moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Fleming seconded the motion which carried 8-0.



**4.5** Adoption of Revisions to 1998 STIP Interim Guidelines Relative to 1998  
STIP Amendment  
Resolution G-98-\_\_\_\_

Garland Hagan, Caltrans reviewed the changes to the Guidelines.

Therese McMillan, Regional Agencies Moderator, Joanne Capelle, SCRRA, and Vic Kamhi, LACMTA, discussed the proposed amendments.

Chairman Wolf noted that the revisions were being noticed this month and would be adopted in January. He directed staff to distribute the suggested guidelines amendment from SCRRA for comment by the Public Transit Committee Members.

**ACTION: R. Chung**

**4.6** Adoption of 1998 Annual Report to Legislature

Executive Director Remen reviewed the statutory mandate for the Annual Report and the key issues for the report.

Vice Chairman Sylvester moved to approve the draft with the changes and comments and delegate the Chairman to sign off on the final report. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

**4.7** Rural Counties Task Force Annual Report

Scott White, Rural Counties Task Force Chairman, reviewed the key points of the Rural Counties Task Force Annual Report.

**4.8** Status of Transportation Finance Bank (TFB)

Ken DeCrecenzo, Caltrans, reviewed the TFB and issues involved. Chairman Wolf noted that the Commission is on record in support of the TFB.

**4.9** Presentation of the 1998 California Transportation Plan

This item will be presented at a later date.

**4.10** Reimbursement to Public Transportation Account from Proposition 116 Bond Funds

After a short discussion, no action was taken because the appropriation had lapsed and the amount of funding was only around \$10,000,

**4.11** Proposed Guidelines and Presentation of Candidates for TEA Conservation Lands Program  
Resolution G-98-\_\_\_\_

Chief Deputy Director Pete Hathaway presented proposed Conservation Lands program guidelines for Commission approval.

Commissioner Diener moved to approve the guidelines. Commissioner Berglund seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Commissioner Reed was absent).

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, presented two projects for programming. Commissioner Reed moved the approval as requested. Vice Chairman Sylvester seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

**4.12** Calendar for Implementation of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21)

Rick Terry, Caltrans, discussed Caltrans' draft implementation plan. Commissioners discussed the interagency coordination and deadlines and timelines for TEA-21 discretionary programs, particularly the Mag Lev deployment program.

Chairman Wolf asked Chairman-Elect Sylvester to setup an update workshop on TEA 21 implementation prior to or in conjunction with the February Commission meeting.

**ACTION: R. Remen/Chairman Sylvester**

Chairman Wolf asked Caltrans to prepare a calendar or pert chart for critical dates associated with TEA 21 implementation and report to the Commission on the specific deadlines and associated actions for discretionary programs for possible coordinated action among regions, Caltrans, and the Commission.

**ACTION: R. Terry**

**4.13** Status Report on Longer Life Pavement Implementation for Projects in the SHOPP

This item will come back at a later date.

**4.14** Incremental Cost Funding Options for 1998 STIP Projects Which Meet the New Longer Life Pavement Standards

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, reviewed the options for 32 projects totaling \$11 million.

Therese McMillan, Regional Agencies Moderator, indicated concurrence with the Caltrans proposal.

Commissioner Berglund moved to approve Option #1. Commissioner Fleming seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

**4.15** Report on Various Construction Methods and Costs for Concrete Median Barriers

Roy Peterson, Caltrans, presented an overview of various construction methods and costs for concrete median barriers.

**4.16** Presentation on California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS)

This item will be presented at a later date.

**4.17** Presentation by Self-Help Counties Coalition Regarding History, Status and Options for the Future of Local Transportation Sales Tax Measures

San Bernardino County Transportation Commission Executive Director Norm King reviewed the self help programs.

Riverside County Transportation Commission Executive Director Eric Haley reviewed options for the future of local transportation sales tax measures. The Commission asked staff to work with the Self Help Counties Coalition in developing options for legislative remedy and to report back to the Commission in March.

**ACTION: C. Oldham**

**5. MODAL ISSUES****5.1** Rail

No Items This Month

**5.2** Highways**5.2a.** Status of Burbank/Glendale Empire Avenue Improvement Project

The following individuals discussed the Burbank/Glendale Empire Avenue Improvement Project:

- David Grannis, Consultant for the City of Burbank
- Stephen Henderson, Parsons Transportation Group

The Commission discussed the importance of the project. The following action items resulted from the discussion:

- Report back to the Commission on the progress in resolving any issues toward the Project Study Report for Empire Avenue.

**ACTION: T. Harris**

- Facilitate the participation in any resolution of outstanding issues by Commissioner Fleming.

**ACTION: T. Harris**

- Clarify when a federal application is required before the unconditional programming of a federally funded project can proceed.

**ACTION: J. Nicholas**

**5.2b.** Presentation on Statewide Reoccurring Problem Locations

This item was withdrawn by the Department prior to the meeting.

**6. OTHER MATTERS**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

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Robert I. Remen, Executive Director